ADVISORY OPINION 95-001

Any advisory opinion rendered by the registry under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may be relied upon only by the person or committee involved in the specific transaction or activity with respect to which the advisory opinion is required. KRS 121. 135(4).

March 1, 1995

Ms. Reva Hart, President League of Women Voters of Kentucky Clauson-Mouser Office Building 3033 Ring Road Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701

Dear Ms. Hart:

This is in response to your January 26, 1995, request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the League of Women Voters may continue to host its regularly staged debates for gubernatorial candidates.

Although KRS 121A.100 requires any slate of candidates which elects to receive public financing to participate in televised candidate forums or debates managed and designated by the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (KET), we are unaware of any statute which would prohibit an entity such as yours from providing an additional forum for gubernatorial debates. The records of the Secretary of State indicate that your organization is a non-profit corporation; however, the Registry, in a previous advisory opinion, 94-017, which is attached and incorporated by reference, determined that sponsoring such public forums would not violate the provisions of KRS 121.025 or Section 150 of the Kentucky Constitution.

Thank you for contacting the Registry. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rosemary F. Center General Counsel

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